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I am seeking a nomination to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. My Name is Eric Kett.

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I am a 27 year resident of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. For the past 23 years I have been a very active diver, boater, and ocean enthusiast along the southern California coast. I have taught SCUBA diving locally, and then became a Boat Captain. I have spent thousands of days boating and diving along the coast, islands and offshore rocks. In the late 90's I became involved in the Marine Reserve Working Group for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. From this process I developed a sense of obligation to share my experience and knowledge of the Marine Environment and its inhabitants through collaborative processes in hope of yielding better education and management of the resources so they are healthy for all to enjoy as they wish. In 2001 I became a Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council member and am currently serving my 3rd term as part of the executive committee of the Sanctuary Advisory Council.

I have spent a fair amount of time considering my submission of this nomination to the SCRSG, with some urging by friends, constituents, and business contacts (and of course my family). I have decided to go forward with the commitment. I understand this commitment to be both; time and travel to meetings and staying in touch with constituencies. I believe I am well rounded in my experiences; Dive boat Captain, Island Excursions, Whale Watching, Fishing, Kayaking, Sailing, Photographing (both for fun and professionally), Research, Recreation, etc. I am in contact with individuals or organizations in each of these groups regularly so I feel confident in my ability to represent these groups well. I am easily accessible, easy to talk to, and I enjoy traveling to meet with groups or clubs to talk about marine issues. Utilizing these attributes along with some modern technology I should be able to stay in contact and keep constituents up to date and interested.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eric Kett